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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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AMENDMENT

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 as shown below. A marked-up copy of amended Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 is attached hereto.

1. (Amended) A shadow mask comprising:

a mask body including a substantially rectangular effective area having a minor axis and a major axis extending at right angles to each other; and
a large number of electron beam passage apertures formed in the effective area,
each of the electron beam passage apertures being formed of a communication hole connecting a larger hole opening in one surface of the effective area and a smaller hole opening in the other surface of the effective area,

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